

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 18th November 2018

Silent Key - William Boles EI1DK

William was a keen radio experimenter for many decades and was heard regularly on the Dublin repeater. He was a pharmacist by profession and operated his pharmacy practice in Inchicore, Dublin.

IRTS extends its deepest sympathies to his wife Myrtle, children Shirley, Alastair, Maurice, Hazel and Irene, his twelve grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, sisters Olive and Phyllis, brothers John and David, extended family and his many friends.

Funeral Service will take place on Monday 19th November at 11 o'clock in St. Philip's Church, Temple Road, Dartry. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Digital Voice Net

Following the installation of the the Galway DMR Repeater and Multimode Digital Gateway it was decided to run a net on Monday evenings in the Galway area at 8:30 pm for test purposes. The first net had an uptake of 11 stations which was impressive. Once callins have been taken the net continues down the list and comments may be addressed to anyone within the Group. Whilst this had been originally planned as a local net we appreciate the interest from other areas so feel free to join in.

There are many ways of gaining access to this net.

Call-ins are all bridged via DMR TG 2724, CQ-IRELAND Wires-X (Fusion) Node 41411, YSF Node 04251, Allstar Node 29884, and Echolink 883269. Thus, there is something for everyone.

Please remember to leave a gap between overs to allow the network components to reset.

Cork Radio Club

The November meeting of Cork Radio Club will be held on Wednesday next November 21st starting at 2000 in Carrigtwohill Community Centre.

Sean Cowman EI3GS will give an illustrated talk on the story of Tony McTigue, the Cork Radio Officer who sailed on the Russian convoys.

Members will be delighted to welcome back and hear the stories from Dave Deane EI9FBB after his travels to Puerto Rico to active new IOTA NA-249. He travelled directly from Puerto Rico to Kosova where he joined up with with Jeremy EI5GM to active Z6, the 46th most wanted DXCC country. Check them out on QRZ.com

The club meets on the third Wednesday each month in Carrigtwohill Community Centre and visitors and new members are always very welcome.

Enquiries to “info /at/ corkradioclub /dot/ ie” or to 087-6290574

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The November meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday the 26th of November 2018 in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp. At this meeting Tom SWL will do a show and tell entitled “Zello and its place/or not within amateur radio” Also on the night Sean EI2HZB will be collecting the balances due for the Christmas Party which takes place on the 15th December in Kilkenny. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio or the group are as always very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “info /at/ searg /dot/ ie” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website www.searg.ie and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

IECRO Radio Club

IECRO Ireland Radio Club would like to congratulate all of the recently licensed operators this month in the United Kingdom whom were trained as a combined effort between itself and its sister club IECRO UK.

Regarding Irish services, a number of tests have been carried out using the EI2SNG gateway station equipment. The latest coverage assessment involved last weeks SBC net participants. Each operator on the net with the exception of two were clear 59 signals coming through to the gateway station.

There is always room for additional improvement when it comes to gateways,

repeaters and other such systems. Further work will be conducted over the coming weeks in terms of reducing line loss and implementation of telecommunication/network services on site.

Concurrent development is underway on both the digital voice gateway and also the clubs first parrot/simplexer. Some coverage predictions for the combined linked network of parrot stations has been made available online via the EI4SNR QRZ profile page.

The aim will be to have some of these systems on the air within the coming weeks. There are other services licensed to be installed including a 70cm repeater and a data packet BBS. As there is no mains electricity supply on-site for any of these stations, they will all have to be powered by environmentally friendly solar/wind, which comes with costs associated in terms of purchasing solar panels, power banks and charge control units.

If any amateurs in the general midlands region wish to donate in some way towards the implementation of these services it would be greatly appreciated. Even help in terms of provision of skills or an additional pair of hands for a few hours some evening, would greatly assist in terms of bringing these services onto the air in a more timely fashion.

Additional information about any of these services can be obtained by emailing “info /dot/ iecro /at/ gmail /dot/ com or by telephone 086 355 2370”

DX News

A multi-national team consisting of PA3EWP, GM4FDM, PA4WM and EI5IX will be QRV from the island of Tonga from 16th – 27th November. Callsign will be A35EU. They will be on all HF bands CW, SSB and RTTY with some FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

An expedition by members of the Russian Robinson Club will take place from 17th – 23rd November to Seif Island in the Persian Gulf. The callsign will be EP6RRC and the IOTA reference is AS-189. This is the first time that this island has been activated so large pile-ups are expected. QSL manager is R7AL.

Roly ZL1BQD will be QRV as P29RR from Papua New Guinea from 20th November – 4th December. He will take part in the CQWW CW Contest on 24th – 25th November. QSLs go via his home call.

Henning OZ1BII will operate in Albania as ZA/OU2I from 21st – 26th November. He

will be using CW only and will focus on the WARC bands. QSL via OU2I.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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